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SUBJ: CEP: INDUSTRIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (PC) REPORT ON CIVIL/
MILITARY COOPERATION: AMMUNITION LEAD-TIME STUDY

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SUMMARY: SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (SCEPC)
AGREEMENT TO FORWARD SUBJECT REPORT TO COUNCIL ON RUGENT
BASIS HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY ASYG FOR DEFENSE PLANNING AND
POLICY (DPP). MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED AT SCEPC REINFORCED
MEETING MAY 5-7. END SUMMARY.

1. NETHERLANDS SCEPC REP AGREED TO LIFT RESERVATION
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ON SUBJECT REPORT (AC/98-D/750) ON THE FOLLOWING UNDER-
STANDING:

QTE - MY AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO LIFT THIS RESERVATION.

THEY WISH, HOWEVER, TO POINT OUT THAT THE BUDGETARY AND MILITARY/STRATEGIC CONSEQUENCES OF ACCEPTING THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT ARE AS YET LARGELY UNKNOWN.

MY AUTHORITIES WONDER, THEREFORE, WHETHER THE COUNCIL COULD TAKE THE REPORT WITHOUT HAVING AT THEIR DISPOSAL THE ADVICE OF THE COMPETENT CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE ALLIANCE ON THESE CONSEQUENCES AND ON THE REMEDIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.

MY AUTHORITIES PROPOSE THAT THE SCEPC, WHEN FORWARDING THE IPC REPORT TO THE COUNCIL, STATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR FURTHER STUDIES AS INDICATED ABOVE. END QTE.

AT APRIL 10-11 SCEPC MEETING, SCEPC REQUESTED INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO PREPARE SUITABLE COVER NOTE WITH THE OBJECT OF HAVING A C-M ISSUED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION ON COUNCIL APRIL 30 AGENDA.

2. CEP DIRECTORATE HAS ATTEMPTED TO CLEAR SEVERAL DRAFT COVER NOTES WITH ASYG DPP. THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCEPC CHAIRMAN'S SPECKING BRIEF TO BE USED AT SCEPC REINFORCED MEETING 5-7 MAY.

QTE - I HAVE REPORTED TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENCE PLANNING & POLICY THE DECISION OF THE SENIOR COMMITTEE TO FORWARD THE IPC REPORT ON THE LEAD-TIME STUDY TO THE COUNCIL, SUBJECT TO A RESERVATION BY THE NETHERLANDS, AND ALSO INDICATED TO HIM THAT THE NETHERLANDS ARE PREPARED TO LIFT THE RESERVATION IF THE ADVICE OF OTHER BODIES COMPETENT IN THIS FIELD WOULD BE SOUGHT. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FEELS THAT THE PROBLEM DEALT WITH BY THE IPC REPORT CANNOT ACTUALLY BE CONSIDERED IN ISOLATION AS IT IS PART OF A MUCH WIDER PICTURE: IT WOULD THEREFORE NOT BE ADVISABLE TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL A DOCUMENT WITH FAR-REACHING CONCLUSIONS
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WITHOUT THE ADVICE AND COMMENTS OF OTHER BODIES WHICH ARE COMPETENT IN THIS FIELD, LIKE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH IS JUST CARRYING OUT A STUDY ON WAR RESERVES STOCK LEVELS.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SENIOR COMMITTEE TAKES THIS APPROACH AND PROPOSES TO PUT THE LEAD-TIME STUDY, IF THE SENIOR COMMITTEE SO DESIRES, ON THE AGENDA OF THE DRC SOON AFTER THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. END QUOTE.

3. MISSION DOUBTS THAT DRC IS FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS

SUBJECT AT THIS STAGE, THOUGH A FEW SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE SCEPC REPORT TO THE COUNCIL: (A) PARA 5 OF REFTTEL FURNISHED SUGGESTED COURSES OF ACTION FOR BILATERAL/MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AMMUNITION PRODUCER/CONSUMER NATIONS; (B) IN ADDITION, COUNCIL SHOULD BE ASKED TO INVITE MC/SHAPE TO SELECT THOSE AMMUNITION ITEMS (SEE ANNEX C OF IPC REPORT) CONSIDERED CRITICAL FOR INITIAL REALISTIC PLANNING EFFORT TO SOLVE THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION PROBLEM IDENTIFIED BY THE IPC IN AC 143-D/358 AND AC 98-D/750. ACCORDINGLY, AT SCEPC MEETING MAY 5 WE INTEND IF AUTHORIZED TO PRESS FOR FORWARDING OF REPORT TO NAC AND FOR INCLUSION OF FOREGOING ADDITIONAL POINTS.

4. REQUEST US REP TO SCEPC REINFORCED ALSO BE PREPARED TO SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT, SINCE WE DOUBT IT WILL BE RESOLVED IN ADVANCE. STREATOR

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